

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2053 – SB 2008**

March 27, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates the *Down Syndrome Information Act of 2018*. Requires the Department of Health (DOH), within existing resources, to make available on their website up-to-date, evidence based written information about Down syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and state- and national-Down syndrome organizations, including physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, intellectual and functional development, and treatment options to certain individuals. Declares that a healthcare provider who renders prenatal or postnatal care or a genetic counselor who renders genetic counseling, may upon receipt of a positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, provide the expectant or new parent with the information provided by the DOH. Provides liability protection to certain physicians.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014458):** Deletes and replaces language of the bill without making any substantive changes to the legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation requires the Department of Health to enact the Down Syndrome Information Act of 2018. The DOH can accommodate the provisions of the legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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